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AMENDMENTS

Please incorporate the following amendments to the subject application.

In the Specification

Please replace the second paragraph under *Example 1* of the *Experimental* section on page 34 with the following:

Of particular interest are sequences with a deletion extending from -87 to -80, comprising the nucleotides GCCCGCC which make up the central core of a consensus GC Box (i.e. GC Box 5) found between bases -89 to -76 (SEQ ID NO:01; i.e. CGGCCCCGCCCTCT).